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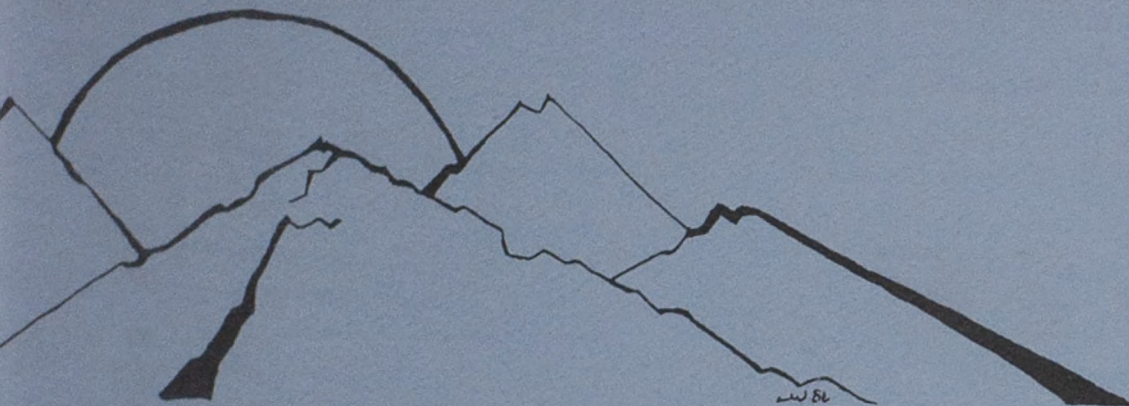
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# Words on Wilderness

## THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WINTER QUARTER WILDERNESS LECTURE SERIES

This year the Wilderness Institute is sponsoring the Eighth Annual Wilderness Lecture Series. The theme of the series this year is wilderness ecosystems and the political debate surrounding wilderness allocation and management in Montana. Speakers and panelists will talk about wilderness in the Greater Yellowstone, Bob Marshall/Glacier, Central and Northern Idaho, Missouri River, and Sapphire Divide Ecosystems.

The lectures are free and open to the general public, held on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in Room 11 in the Liberal Arts Building on the University of Montana campus. UM students may enroll for one credit for the lecture.

A schedule of the lecture series topics appears on page 8.

## UPDATE ON THE LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST ROADLESS AREAS

Mike Bader

On June 4, 1986, Regional Forester James Overbay signed the final version of the Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan. The Plan directs management of the Forest's resources for the next 10 to 15 years.

The Lewis and Clark Forest contains some of the largest and most controversial roadless areas in Montana. 1,002,000 roadless acres remain under consideration for wilderness designation inside Lewis and Clark boundaries. Much of this land is on the Rocky Mountain East Front, extending from U.S. Highway 2 and Glacier National Park on the north, to State Highway 200 on the south. Other extensive roadless

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"In a true wilderness if a person is not qualified to satisfy all the requirements of existence, then he is bound to perish. As long as we prize individuality and competence it is imperative to provide the opportunity for complete self-sufficiency. This is inconceivable under the effete superstructure of urbanity; it demands the harsh environment of untrammelled expanses."

-Bob Marshall



## UPDATE ON THE LEWIS AND CLARK

areas exist in the Big Snowy, Highwood, and Little Belt Mountain ranges. Some of these areas are now protected as Wilderness Study Areas established in the 1976, Senate Bill 393 (S 393), introduced by the late Senator Lee Metcalf.

The Lewis and Clark Plan has recommendations for the future management of all units of the Forest. Of the 1,002,000 roadless acres, a total of 51,834 are recommended as wilderness. No wilderness is recommended from the Big Snowy, Highwood, or Little Belt study areas. Most of the S 393 Study Areas have been slated for large scale timber harvest. Along the Rocky Mountain Front, extensive areas have been scheduled for oil and gas exploration and motorized recreation. The Deep Creek roadless area recieved a perfect score under RARE II wilderness evaluations. Under the Plan, Deep Creek is recommended for oil and gas exploration.

Conservation groups have been opposed to the Plan, and several filed administrative appeals. Conservationist's have also proposed legal action to prevent the roading of these areas. Groups that have appealed the Regional Forester's decision include: the Badger Chapter of the Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance, the Montana Wilderness Association, and religious leaders of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. These organizations have stressed that wilderness qualities and values were not adequately addressed by the Plan. They hope to gain protection for many of these roadless units in the wilderness bills to be drafted by Montana's Congressional delagation in 1987. Conservationists have proposed roughly 700,000 acres on the Lewis and Clark be given wilderness

protection. They have cited Rocky Mountain Front lands as essential components of the Glacier-Bob Marshall ecosystem. Without adequate protection of key wildlife components, they fear for the survival of the grizzly bear, the grey wolf, and other endangered and threatened species.

Many recreationists stress that few opportunities exist at low elevations on the Lewis and Clark Front for wilderness type recreation. Much of the proposed wilderness on the Front is in areas of high, rocky mountaintops and is snowbound much of the year. These areas are neither good wildlife habitat nor are they easily accessible for recreation. The lower elevation areas are essential to wildlife and to provide opportunities for experiencing solitude, wildlife viewing, and other benefits of wilderness in more easily accessible locations.

Final decision on the future of these wildlands will be made in Congress sometime this winter. Montana Congressmen Pat Williams, John Melcher and Max Baucus have stated that they intend to draft their own version of a wilderness bill, abandoning the consensus approach that the state's congressional delegation has tried in the past. Interested persons should send their comments to: Rep. Pat Williams, 302 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT. 59801 or 2457 Rayburn Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515; Senator John Melcher, 730 Hart, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510; Senator Max Baucus, 706 Hart, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510.





## WILDERNESS INSTITUTE NOW IN ITS 13th YEAR!!

Those of us who attend the University of Montana enjoy a luxury unique among college students. Within a two hour drive of campus we have access to more than 5 million acres of wilderness. The Rattlesnake Wilderness and National Recreation Area begins only 4 miles from the University Center. Opportunities abound for backpacking, fishing, canoeing, photography, hunting, skiing and many other recreational activities. Forests, soils, rivers, rock formations, plants and wildlife are easily accessible for study.

Pressure for development of the country's remaining wild areas mounts daily. The Wilderness Studies and Information Center is dedicated to increasing student and citizen awareness in decision making processes affecting wild lands and rivers. Through the collection and distribution of information on wildland and wild river issues, we offer educational services to students, conservation groups and land managers throughout the country.

Staffed by work study students and many active volunteers, WSIC and the Wilderness Institute have become a national wilderness information resource. Past accomplishments include: compilation of a National Wilderness Preservation System Index and accompanying map, which are unique in the country; a Wilderness Bibliography with over 2000 magazine articles and books, 300 films and slide shows, and 600 related reports ; over 3000 slides; information from 250 environmental education centers throughout the country; sponsoring of a yearly winter quarter wilderness lecture series; conferences and practical demonstrations on various wilderness subjects; and more.

This year, WSIC is working with a drastically reduced operating budget. More than ever the scope and success of projects will depend on volunteers dedicated to maintaining quality wildland resources. If wilderness intrigues you stop by and see what the Wilderness Institute can do for you- and vice versa!





## THE STUDENT GROUP: YOUR CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED

Caroline Byrd

The Wilderness Studies and Information Center (WSIC) is the student group within the Wilderness Institute, providing direction for the Institute. Students interested in wilderness and wildland issues who choose to become involved in the WSIC group have direct input in developing the goals, agenda, and projects of the Wilderness Institute. The WSIC student group and its board of student directors review and approve Wilderness Institute project proposals, select projects for implementation, develop budgets and hire staff. WSIC meetings are a forum for ideas and creative thinking in the areas of wildland research and education. Involvement with WSIC is a unique opportunity for direct participation in wilderness studies.

Thursday, January 15th, the student group will meet to design projects and the budget for the 1987-88 school year. This is an important meeting and student involvement is urged. The meeting will take place at 4:00 in room 207 of the Forestry Building.



On Saturday, January 24th, the student group will host a party and pot luck at Lubrecht Experimental Forest. Lubrecht has many miles of maintained cross country ski trails. Instruction will be available for beginning skiers. Also, Caroline Byrd, an instructor with the National Outdoor Leadership School, will give a presentation about winter camping, including a hands-on demonstration of Quinzee (snow hut) construction. Hot drinks, spaghetti, and a keg will be provided by the student group. Those people wishing to spend the night may do so but must provide their own sleeping bag and pad. Transportation will be arranged by the student group - please contact us before the 24th if you need a ride or any additional information.





## THE 1986 WILDERNESS AND CIVILIZATION PROGRAM

Linda Wolf

After starting the Fall quarter with a ten day trek in the southern Rocky Mountain Front, this year's Wilderness and Civilization Program worked at applying the experience to life in the city and on campus. The group consisted of 20 students studying wilderness and civilization. The students started the quarter with a visit to a beautiful part of Montana - an inspiration to learn more about the struggle to protect and manage some of the last wildlands in America. The program included five classes taught by four University professors and two teaching assistants. The classes explored wilderness issues through studies in ecology, economics, ethics, American literature and current environmental issues in Montana. Many students also had a one credit project of their own choosing related to the general theme of the program.



subalpine fir

The Wilderness and Civilization group took a weekend field trip to East Glacier and the Badger-Two Medicine area on November 7th, 8th, and 9th. Students and faculty hiked along Little Badger Creek and Hall Creek. At a meeting with the Glacier/Two Medicine Alliance, Vicki Santana, lawyer for the Blackfeet Tribal Council, spoke to the students. After Vicki, traditional religious leaders of the tribe spoke. The meeting was informative and many insights were gained about the complexity of the Badger area situation. Though the weather was extremely cold, everyone agreed that the trip was well worthwhile.

A final retreat was held at Lubrecht Forest Experimental Station, Dec. 8th, 9th, and 10th. Skiing, hiking and relaxing occupied the morning hours while the afternoons and evenings were spent discussing the events of the quarter. A mock hearing on a Rocky Mountain Front wilderness bill was staged Monday night. Ethics, the final exam, individual reports and conferences, and prospects for the future of wilderness rounded out the evening events.

The Wilderness and Civilization Program has been sponsored by the Wilderness Institute at the University of Montana since 1974. The program has attracted a wide variety of students from throughout the country. If you are at all curious about the Wilderness and Civilization course offering, contact the Wilderness Institute in room 207 of the Forestry building. You'll be glad you did!





## UM STUDENTS JOIN GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

Ken Wall

Do you want to keep abreast of international environmental news? Or apply for jobs in the environmental field around the world? Drop by the Wilderness Institute (Forestry 207) for a free demonstration of ECONET: A global telecommunications network. UM students have been utilizing the service at no charge since autumn quarter.

What is ECONET? It is a network of over 400 organizations and thousands of individuals throughout the world. All of them are linked through their own personal computers and local phone numbers. The network includes electronic mail with instant delivery to users from Japan to Australia to Butte, Montana. There are eighteen bulletin boards on topics ranging from the environment to international development. And several active conferences on wide ranging topics.

Watch for job announcements, global environmental news and other information from ECONET in future issues of Words on Wilderness.



### "WORDS ON WILDERNESS" WANTS YOU!!

Articles, pen and ink drawings, poems, and notices of upcoming events will be accepted for consideration for inclusion in future issues of "Words on Wilderness". Material should relate to wildlands and/or wild rivers. Submissions, comments, and suggestions can be dropped off at the Wilderness Institute room 207, Forestry Building, c/o Tom Walsh.



lodgepole pine



CANADA GOOSE



## Ponderosa

Who is the swift murderer  
of my sister and me.

All I can bring back of her now  
is a memory under my eyelids,  
The song of our jewel forest - how she,  
ponderosa gives herself  
to sway in crisp wind,  
her bird children swing  
gently around her crown, how I  
quietly listened and drank in  
what was her last day of song.

- JoAnne Paprotny





## THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WINTER QUARTER WILDERNESS LECTURE SERIES

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| January 7   | <i>Looking at Wilderness With An Ecosystem Approach.</i> Dr. Nellie Stark and Dr. Charles Jonkel.  |
| January 14  | <i>The Bob Marshall/Glacier Ecosystem.</i> A panel discussing the embattled Rocky Mountain Front, and additions to the Bob Marshall Wilderness, and North Fork of the Flathead   |
| January 21  | <i>Wilderness Management in the The Bob Marshall/Glacier Ecosystem.</i> Panel discussion ranging from wolves and park management in Glacier to creative innovations in managing the Bob Marshall.                        |
| January 28  | <i>The Sapphire Divide Ecosystem.</i> Featuring Doris Milner of the Montana Wilderness Association and representatives of the Stoltz Lumber Company discussing a chain of proposed wilderness areas along the Sapphires. |
| February 4  | <i>The Missouri River Ecosystem.</i> Discussion of BLM wilderness and the largest wilderness river ecosystem in Montana.   |
| February 11 | <i>Central and Northern Idaho Ecosystem.</i> Panelists will discuss management of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, and the Selway Bitterroot, forming the largest wilderness ecosystem outside of Alaska. |
| February 18 | <i>Native American Wilderness Issues.</i> Discussion of wilderness lands on the the Blackfeet, Flathead and Taos Pueblo Reservations.  |
| February 24 | <i>Managing The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.</i> Discussion of management of this complex web of wild land including Yellowstone National Park and five large wilderness areas surrounding it.                         |
| March 4     | <i>Debate on the Montana Wilderness Legislation.</i> Panel with representatives of the citizen wilderness groups, motorized recreationists and representatives of the timber and oil and gas industries.                 |
| March 11    | <i>The Future of Wilderness in Montana.</i>  |

This lecture series is funded in part by the Associated Students of the University of Montana.

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Do You Care About the Future of Wilderness Studies at UM?

ATTEND THE ASUM OPEN FORUM ON 1987-1988 BUDGETING  
JANUARY 19, MOUNT SENTINAL ROOM, UC -- 4-6pm

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